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REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 12-14, 20, 32, 33, and 37 stand rejected. The Examiner has allowed claims 21-31, and has indicated the allowance of claims 3-11, 15-19, 34-36, and 38-41 if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early notification of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 3, 14, 15, 32-34, 37, and 38 are canceled without prejudice. New claims 42-45 have been added. Claims 2, 4, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20, 35, 39, and 40 have been amended to change the dependency thereof.

Claim 42 is claim 3 rewritten to include the limitations of claim 1. Claim 43 is claim 15 rewritten to include the limitations of claim 14. Claim 44 is claim 34 rewritten to include the limitations of claims 32 and 33. Claim 45 is claim 38 rewritten to include the limitations of claims 32 and 37.

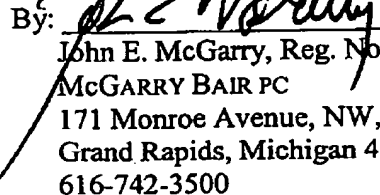
Because claim 2 now depends from allowable claim 42, claim 2 is allowable. Because claim 12 now depends from allowable claim 42, claim 12 is allowable. Because claim 13 now indirectly depends from allowable claim 42, claim 13 is allowable. Because claim 20 now indirectly depends from allowable claim 43, claim 20 is allowable.

No new matter is added by the amendments, and the claims remaining in the application are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant respectfully requests early notification of allowance. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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